

## Message Text

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ACTION AID-59

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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6625  
INFO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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DEPT ALSO PASS AID AND USDA/WASHINGTON

DAMASCUS FOR AGATT

E.O. 11652: NA  
SUBJ: FY-1978 PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAM

REF: (A) BEIRUT 0096, (B) BEIRUT 0387

1. WE LEARNED THAT MIN ECON'S CEREALS AND SUGARBEETS  
OFFICE (OCBS) PREPARING TO PURCHASE COMMERCIALY 50,000  
MT SOFT WHEAT ANY ORIGIN (INSTEAD OF 25,000 MT PREVIOUSLY  
PLANNED) FOLLOWING RECEIVING NO RESPONSE ON TITLE I REQUEST  
INSPIRE OF REPEATED INQUIRIES BY PRIME MINISTER AND OCBS  
DIRGEN TO AMBASSADOR AND AGATT.

2. WHEAT SUPPLY SITUATION NOW CRITICAL. TOTAL STOCKS ARE  
AT 65,000 MT INCLUDING 18,000 MT US2HRW WHEAT 7,000  
EUROPEAN SOFT AND 40,000 MT CANADIA WRS WHICH AT CURRENT  
MILLING LEVEL OF 25,000 MT PER MONTH REPRESENT ABOUT TWO-AND-  
A-HALF MONTHS SUPPLY INSTEAD OF USUAL 4 MONTHS SUPPLY. BESIDES  
NO QUANTITIES ARE CONTRACTED FOR EXCEPT FOR THE 175,000 MT  
CANADIAN WHEAT EXPECTED TO ARRIVE BETWEEN MAY/JUNE AND  
DECEMBER 1978. IN OTHER WORDS, IF OCBS PURCHASES EVEN  
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BEFORE MID-FEBRUARY, SHIPMENTS MAY NOT ARRIVE BEFORE  
EARLY-APRIL WHEN STOCKS WILL BE DANGEROUSLY LOW (IF WE RULE  
OUT AVAILABILITY OF FLOATING SHIPMENTS).

3. OCBS OFFICIALS ARE BLAMING THIS SITUATION TO DELAY RESPONSE  
ON TITLE I PROGRAM.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING (A) REASONS THAT ARE DELAYING  
FY 78 AGREEMENT; (B) DELAY ON RESPONSE TO OUR REF WHEAT  
LCR REQUESTS; (C) WHEN SHOULD WE EXPECT A RESPONSE ON  
EITHER OF ABOVE.  
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